(5) was there sufficient quantity of teak and rosewood cut and got ready in the hills, so as to supply maximum load to the Tram every time of its trip down the hills during the year 1105, if not, will it not result in the filling in of the Tram cars with inferior variety of wood in the place of teak and rosewood and will not such course of action affect the proceeds from the Cochin Tramway ?

(6) what is the maximum load of teak and rosewood that the Tramway could convey in the year 1105 and if the maximum load is brought, how much would the conveyance charges amount to ;

(7) what is the actual proceeds from the Tramway during the year 1105 up-to-date and what is the total expenses incurred up-to-date for the working of the Tramway during the year 1105?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(1) Cds. 2,416 from 26th Karkadagam 1104 to 25th Mithunam 1105.

(2) Rosewood Cds. 2,300 and teak Cds. 2,000.

(3) Rosewood Cds. 600 and teak Cds. 1,181.

(4) Because cutting of jungle-wood was going on vigorously along with the cutting of some teak and rosewood. Government have noticed the fact that the cutting of the latter was slow but they did not consider it necessary to take any action against the contractor at that time and that work too (collection of teak and rosewood) is now going on vigorously.

(5) No. Tramway loads are not made up of teak and rosewood alone but superior jungle-wood, marked for felling in the year's coupe has also to find places in them inevitably along with their associates in the coupes, teak and rosewood. The proceeds from the Tramway are expected to be made up by the transport of the different species of timber proposed to be extracted from each year's coupe and not of teak and rosewood alone.

(6) 1,320 loads of Cds. 16,500 conveyance charges will be Rs. 1,65,000 with a four load programme for 330 days at the rate of 50 candies per day transport being done between miles 40 and 50 of the Tramway.

(7) Rs. 84,741-13-0.
Rs. 87,483-0-0.

N. B.—The dues for Mithunam 1105 and the expenditure for the same month are not included in the above figures as the accounts will be complete only by the 15th of Karkadagam 1105.

Cochin Tanneries Company.

148. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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1. whether it is a fact that Mr. Kurup (the Tannery Expert) has severed his connection with the Cochin Tanneries Ltd., and if so, when and under what circumstances;

2. whether it is a fact that there was nobody coming forward to take charge ot the office records and the key and that therefore Mr. Kurup sent them all to the Diwan under registered cover and that the latter refused to accept the same;

3. who has got the key and records at present;

4. what were the terms of Mr. Kurup's appointment;

5. has the Tanneries Company any hold upon Mr. Kurup now in any sense, and if so, what is the hold;

6. what amount of pay has Mr. Kurup been given in all during the time he was in charge of the Tanneries and how long was he in such charge;

7. besides his pay had Mr. Kurup any other source of remuneration allowed by the Company by way of commission or otherwise;

8 what has become of the suit filed against the Tanneries Company Ltd.;

9. whether the Government have decided to take any definite step for future working of the Tanneries?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—1. Yes. The exact date of Mr. Kurup's severence with the Tanneries is not reported.

2. The Managing Agents have informed that Mr. Kurup sent the keys, etc, registered to the Managing Agents.

3. Not exactly known. Perhaps the Managing Agents.

4. (*Vide Appendix III.*)

5. Vide agreement appended. (*Vide Appendix III*). Further information is not available.

6. and 7. The Company accounts alone can tell this besides the agreement.

8. It is still proceeding.

9. No, in view of the pending suit.

Traffic Sub-Inspector.

149. Mr. A. L. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) who is the Sub-Inspector of the Traffic Department newly appointed not from Government service;

(b) what is his age;

(ii) qualification;

(iii) caste, and

(iv) His father's name?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) T. D. Viswanatha Ayyar.

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APPENDIX II.

(Vide answer to question No. 146.)

List of Towns and Villages where small-pox was raging during 1105.

1.	Chelakkara	9.	Elankunnapuzha
2.	Ernakulam Town	10.	Pallipuram
3.	Mattancheri Town	11.	Methala
4.	Irinjalakkuda Town	12.	Azhikode
5.	Lokamaleswaram	13.	Cheranellur
6.	Thirumukkulam	14.	Trichur Town
7.	Padiyam	15.	Palluruthi
8.	Eriyad	16.	Manavalasseri

APPENDIX III.

(Vide answer to question No. 148.)

Agreement.

This agreement made this.....day of.....between K. Raghava Kurup, Leather Expert of Cranganur in the Cochin State of the one part and the Cochin Tanneries Ltd., a company registered under the Cochin Company's Regulation of the other part witnesseth :—

That the Company do employ and that Mr. Kurup do serve the Company as General Manager as a full time officer for a period of 10 years after date of registration of the Company on the terms and conditions herein after following namely.

(1) That Mr. Kurup be paid a remuneration to be fixed at 25 per cent of the net profits after due provision is made for 12 per cent dividend to the share-holders and 10 per cent for depreciation and reserve fund, provided that in the first three years he shall in any case be paid a monthly salary of Rs. 1,000.

(2) That he shall not during the said period engage himself in any other business whatsoever without the knowledge and written consent of the Board of Directors of the Cochin Tanneries Limited.

(3) That he shall be in full charge of the Factory of the Cochin Tanneries Limited and all employees therein shall be subject his full control. All appointments, postings, transfers, suspension and dismissal of the employees in the Factory shall rest absolutely within his sole discretion.

(4) That Mr. Kurup shall have the power of purchasing the raw hides, manufacturing them, and selling the finished products, subject to the control and advice of the Board of Directors. If necessary the Board may depute one or two of the Directors to help him in purchasing and settling the prices. All payments for purchases to be made by the Managing Agents or Managing Directors, as the case may be, on receipt of bills passed by Mr. Kurup.

(5) That Mr. Kurup will be entitled to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and to be heard, but he shall not have a vote.

(6) That in case he determines this contract of service and leaves the Company he shall pay into the Company a liquidated sum of Rs. 12,000 as damages or such other sum as the Diwan of Cochin may fix.

(7) That he shall be provided with free quarters in the premises of the Company and allowed first class travelling expenses.

In witness whereof, etc., etc.

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